

housing deemed eligible to receive grants under such heading, that such grant amounts may be made available to housing that is receiving or has received assistance pursuant to the HOME Investment Partnerships program under title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq.), the community development block grant program under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), or the low-income housing tax credit allocated pursuant to section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986: Provided further, That grant amounts made available under this heading shall be awarded on a competitive basis nationwide: Provided further, That grant amounts made available under this heading shall be available for housing of not less than 20 units: Provided further, That in allocating grants under this heading, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall (1) ensure that such grants are made in a manner that balances the needs of rural and urban communities, and (2) ensure an equitable geographic distribution of funds.

TITLE X—BUDGETARY PROVISIONS

SEC. 1001. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled "Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation" for this Act, jointly submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairmen of the House and Senate Budget Committees, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage in the House acting first on this conference report or amendment between the Houses.

SEC. 1002. EMERGENCY DESIGNATIONS.

(a) **STATUTORY PAYGO.**—This Act is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 4(g) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-139; 2 U.S.C. 933(g)) except to the extent that the budgetary effects of this Act are determined to be subject to the current policy adjustments under sections 4(c) and 7 of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act.

(b) **SENATE.**—In the Senate, this Act is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 403(a) of S. Con. Res. 13 (111th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2010.

(c) **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**—In the House of Representatives, every provision of this Act is expressly designated as an emergency for purposes of pay-as-you-go principles except to the extent that any such provision is subject to the current policy adjustments under section 4(c) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, in accordance with rule V of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby give notice in writing that it is my intention to move to suspend rule XXII for the purpose of proposing and considering amendment No. 4758 to H.R. 4853.

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, in accordance with rule V of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby give notice in writing that it is my intention to move to suspend rule XXII for the purposes of proposing and considering amendment No. 4793 to the House Message to accompany H.R. 4853.

Mr. DEMINT. Mr. President, I submit the following notice in writing. In accordance with rule V of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby give notice in writing that it is my intention to move to suspend rule XXII for the purpose of proposing and considering amendment No. 4804 to H.R. 4853.

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, in accordance with rule V of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby give notice in writing that it is my intention to move to suspend rule XXII for the purposes of proposing and considering amendment No. 4809 to the House Message to accompany H.R. 4853.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 14, 2010, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 14, 2010, at 2:05 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 14, 2010, at 2:15 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, first I ask unanimous consent that Kia Hamadanchy and Awatif Chafie of my staff be granted the privilege of the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the following statement in explanation of the Inouye amendment to the House amendment to the bill H.R. 3082, the Continuing Appropriations Act.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD as follows:

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE REGARDING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3082

Following is an explanation of the amendment proposed by Senator Daniel K. Inouye to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3082, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010, including disclosure of congressionally directed spending items as defined in rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. Section 4 of the amendment specifies that this explanatory statement shall have the same effect with respect to the allocation of funds and implementation of this Act as if it were a joint explanatory statement of a committee of conference.

Sections one through six provide the title, table of contents, references, clarification on the explanatory statement, emergency designation and statement of appropriations. Sections 7 through 12 provide direction across all divisions banning pay raises for Federal civilian employees, rescinding funding for administrative costs, and establishing other authorities and restrictions on government activities. Divisions A through L provide detailed explanation and guidance on governing the Appropriations contained in this Act as described in detail below.

Division M contains the text of the Food Safety Bill (S. 510) that previously passed the Senate, was added to the House amendment to the Senate amendment, and is included in this amendment. The bill was added in order to meet certain procedural requirements.

DIVISION A—AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATION ACT, 2011

Following is an explanation of the effects of Division A, which makes appropriations for the Department of Agriculture and Food and Drug Administration for fiscal year 2011. As provided in Section 4 of the consolidated bill, this explanatory statement shall have the same effect with respect to the allocation of funds and the implementation of this division as if it were a joint explanatory statement of a committee of conference.

TITLE I

AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, AND MARKETING

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The bill provides \$5,338,000 for the Office of the Secretary.

In carrying out the provisions of this Act, the Department shall follow the directives provided in Senate Report 111-221 unless otherwise modified by this Act or Explanatory Statement. Reports requested in Senate Report 111-221 or this Explanatory Statement are due 90 days after the enactment of this Act unless a specific due date is provided. The Department is directed, through the Office of Budget and Program Analysis, to provide all reports and studies to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate (hereafter referred to as "the Committees") in both an electronic and hard copy format.

The Secretary is directed to provide quarterly reports to the Committees on the status of obligations and funds availability for the loan and grant programs provided in this bill. The Secretary is further directed that if an estimate of loan activity for any program funded in Titles I and III of this Act indicates that a limitation on authority to make